

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 10 and 17 are amended herein. Claims 1, 3-13 and 15-22 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections based on Akiyama are now discussed. Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites a main control unit integrated into a single chip with a processor to transmit a print start command to the engine control unit. However, Akiyama (col. 5, ln. 51-53) teaches a CPU 16 that transmits a command to an engine unit 25. Thus, the processor transmits a command to the engine control unit. In contrast, claim 1 recites that the main control unit transmits a command to an engine control unit.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

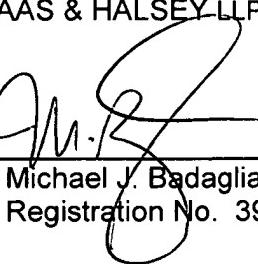
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